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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Naomi SUGIMOTO, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/864,335

GAU: 2852

FILED: May 25, 2001

EXAMINER: PENDEGRASS, J.

FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS INCLUDING AN ELECTRIC FIELD HAVING AN OSCILLATION COMPONENT BETWEEN AN IMAGE CARRIER AND A DEVELOPER CARRIER

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 6 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1, 5, and 8 as shown in clean form below:¹

1. (Twice Amended) In an image forming apparatus for forming a magnet brush on a developer carrier and causing said magnet brush to contact a latent image formed on an image carrier to thereby develop said latent image, said developer carrier comprises a sleeve and a stationary magnet roller accommodated in said sleeve,

(Handwritten signature/initials)

¹ A marked-up copy of the amendment is attached hereto.